



# WISCONSIN CHEESE MAKERS ASSOCIATION

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Dear Wisconsin State Senators,

We write on behalf of the members of the Wisconsin Cheese Makers Association to ask for your action to again confirm Secretary-designee Craig Thompson as leader of the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (DOT).

WCMA members appreciate Secretary-designee Thompson's efforts to champion increased investments in rural infrastructure projects. This is of critical importance, as each day, over 88 million pounds of raw milk moves from Wisconsin's 6,500 dairy farms to its more than 200 processing plants. Our industry needs leaders like Secretary-designee Thompson, who view themselves as partners, and support its essential mission to feed the world nutritious dairy products.

We also value Secretary-designee Thompson's accessibility; he and his staff have maintained open and productive lines of communication with the dairy processing industry.

We urge the Senate's swift confirmation of Secretary-designee Thompson. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

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Senior Director, Programs & Policy

*Note: For more than 130 years, the Wisconsin Cheese Makers Association has served as the voice of cheese and dairy manufacturers, processors, and marketers. Today, WCMA represents 115 dairy processing companies and cooperatives operating across the United States and around the world, backed by 550 companies that supply equipment and services to the industry.*